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RULE 116 AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

SIR:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 12, 2007. Please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.